



**Indiana  
Department  
of  
Health**

# Drug Overdose Prevention Newscast

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## Updates

### FDA Approves Over-the-Counter Naloxone

In late March, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Narcan for over-the-counter use. This will allow the lifesaving medication to be sold directly to consumers in drug stores, grocery stores, gas stations and online. Over-the-counter naloxone will be fundamental in mitigating the U.S. opioid crisis. According to the FDA, approximately 101,750 fatal overdoses occurred in the United States from October 2021-October 2022; These high rates of overdose are driven by synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl.

The timeline for availability and price will vary by manufacturer. In the upcoming months, the FDA will meet with stakeholders to facilitate the switch from prescription status to over-the-counter. In the meantime, federal and state level agencies will continue to ensure that populations in need have access to naloxone.

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### New Recovery Café Locations

Recovery Café has three new locations in Indiana. Daviess, Madison and Hamilton counties all recently opened their locations. Each Recovery Café is designed to support the Indiana recovery community, providing support for individuals who struggle with substance use, mental health challenges, trauma, and homelessness. Recovery Café takes a holistic approach to recovery, emphasizing connection to oneself and to the community.

A Recovery Café membership is free but dependent on a few guidelines. Members must be drug and alcohol free for 24 hours, they must attend a weekly recovery meeting, and they must volunteer at the cafe. The Recovery Café model is evidence-based, and there are currently 15 locations in Indiana. To find your nearest cafe, visit the link.

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### Crisis Response Center in Muncie

According to the Addictions Coalition of Delaware County, about 16% of adults in Delaware County experienced frequent mental health distress in 2021. IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and the City of Muncie are developing an innovative response by establishing the Muncie Crisis Center.

The Muncie Crisis Center has been in development for nearly two years. It is designed as a place for people to go when they are experiencing a mental health challenge. Rather than visiting the emergency room or being taken to jail, visitors at the Crisis Center will get the opportunity to speak with a licensed mental health professional about their next steps. The Center is on track to open in September of this year. It will be comparable to the Stride Center in Bloomington, which is noted as a "caring place of transition for people suffering from substance use and mental health disorders".

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## Upcoming Events

### Opioid ECHO Clinics

There are several Indiana University ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) biweekly clinics addressing opioid use disorder for different disciplines such as first responders, prescribers, and non-clinical service professionals for 2023. Visit this page to learn more about each of the clinics and how to participate.

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### Addressing Implicit Bias

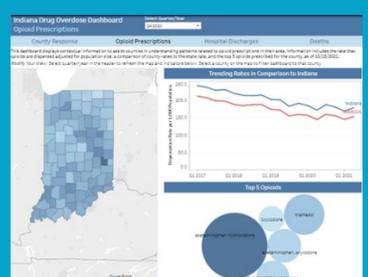
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**Hosted by: Great Lakes MHTTC**

Implicit biases can have a significant impact on communication, decision-making, and perceptions and beliefs about others. As a result, it can also influence the effectiveness of promoting an inclusive and diverse environment. Participants in this workshop will also learn how to explore their own personal biases, be introduced to approaches that can assist in being more conscious and aware about implicit biases as well as the impact these biases can have on others.

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## Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard

Please visit the [Indiana Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), where you will find data from 2017 up to provisional data for 2021. In this dashboard, you will find data regarding opioid prescriptions, hospital discharges, and drug-related deaths. You can use this dashboard to explore overdose data at the county and state levels.



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